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U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

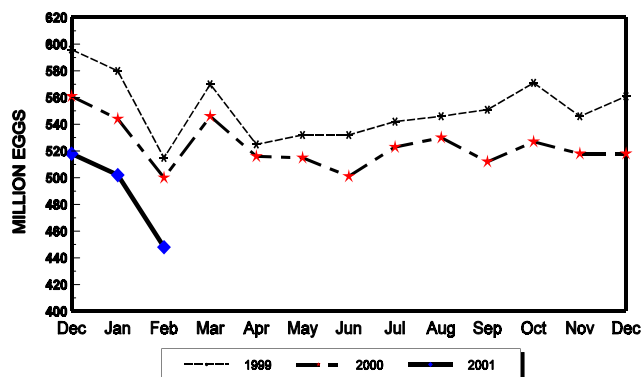
U.S. egg production totaled 6.52 billion during February 2001, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 5.51 billion table eggs and 1.01 billion hatching eggs, of which 947 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2001 averaged 336 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during February 2000. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,943 eggs, down 4 percent from 2,016 eggs in February 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2001, totaled 336 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 276 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2001 averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.8 eggs a year ago.

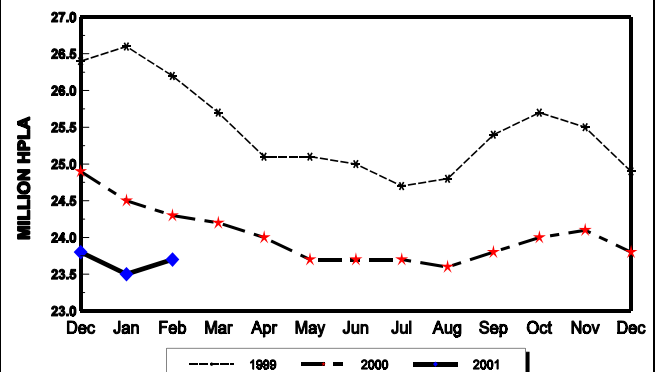
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during February totaled 448 million, 53.0 million less than last month and 52.0 million less than last February. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.7 million, up 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year at this time. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 1,892 compared to 2,129 last month and 2,054 in February 2000.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1999-2001



AVERAGE NUMBER OF HPLA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1999-2001



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MARCH 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Millions	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alabama	10,580	10,232	1,786	1,759	189	180	5.0	1.5	8.5	10.5
Arkansas	15,483	15,578	1,847	1,785	286	278	6.0	3.5	9.0	11.5
California	24,343	23,679	2,054	1,892	500	448	5.0	8.5	42.5	32.0
Georgia	21,139	20,749	1,954	1,827	399	379	3.5	3.5	15.0	21.0
Indiana	22,755	23,082	2,114	1,958	481	452	2.5	3.0	29.0	35.0
Iowa	27,485	31,302	2,132	2,022	586	633	4.5	4.0	33.5	31.0
North Carolina	11,487	11,271	1,785	1,739	205	196	1.5	2.0	8.0	9.5
Ohio	32,158	30,304	2,009	1,970	646	597	1.5	4.0	14.0	23.0
Pennsylvania	23,250	24,496	2,103	2,111	489	517	3.5	5.0	20.0	13.5
Texas	17,756	18,851	1,949	1,931	346	364	3.0	4.5	13.0	22.0
UNITED STATES	329,843	335,538	2,016	1,943	6,648	6,519	3.7	4.2	22.1	23.1

U.S. BROILER HATCH DOWN 4 PERCENT

The February 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 670 million, was down 4 percent from February of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 627 million eggs on March 1, 2001, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2001. This was down 4 percent from February 2000.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

State	2000	2001	$\frac{2001}{2000}$
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	96,844	90,907	94
Arkansas	103,038	96,511	94
Delaware	14,678	13,043	89
Florida	8,893	8,206	92
Georgia	104,672	99,836	95
Maryland	27,842	27,266	98
Mississippi	61,003	59,537	98
North Carolina	57,013	57,434	101
Pennsylvania	12,004	11,665	97
South Carolina	15,595	15,107	97
Texas	48,704	47,633	98
Virginia	21,882	21,666	99
California, Tennessee and West Virginia	37,346	36,657	98
Other States ^{1/}	91,453	85,030	93
UNITED STATES	700,967	670,498	96

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 38.2 million, up 8 percent from February 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on March 1, 2001, down 2 percent from a year ago.

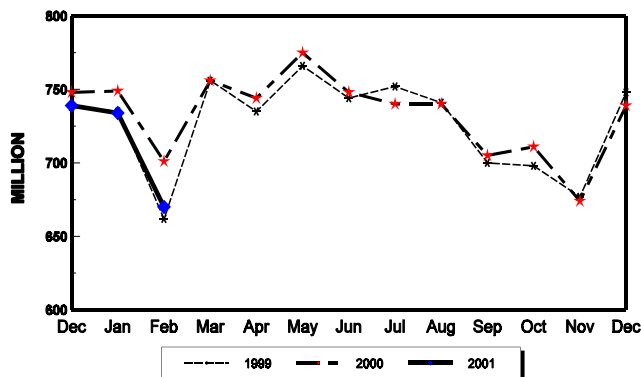
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 302 thousand during February 2001. This was up 20 percent for February 2000.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

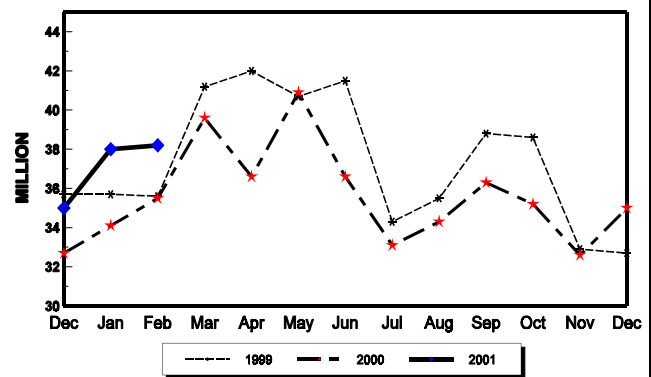
State	2000	2001	$\frac{2001}{2000}$
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	628	986	157
Florida	1,004	1,135	113
Georgia	1,879	1,874	100
Indiana	6,397	7,113	111
Iowa	4,643	5,180	112
Kansas	268	161	60
Minnesota	1,656	1,902	115
Missouri	321	321	100
Pennsylvania	4,609	5,467	119
Other States ^{1/}	14,086	14,059	100
UNITED STATES	35,491	38,198	108

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2000	2001	$\frac{2001}{2000}$	2000	2001	$\frac{2001}{2000}$
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,047	11,939	108	6,406	5,235	82
East North Central	8,010	6,399	80	7,953	8,434	106
West North Central	21,026	21,180	101	7,581	6,755	89
South Atlantic	234,584	235,876	101	3,304	3,983	121
South Central	322,832	326,764	101	4,505	6,028	134
West	23,380	25,060	107	6,329	5,086	80
UNITED STATES	620,879	627,218	101	36,078	35,521	98

QUARTERLY LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION - DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY

State	Average Number Of Layers On Hand			Total Eggs Produced		
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands		Percent	Million		Percent
Alabama	10,502	10,225	97	598	575	96
Arkansas	15,591	15,459	99	893	885	99
California	24,597	23,679	96	1,605	1,470	92
Georgia	21,039	20,737	99	1,302	1,236	95
Indiana	22,712	23,160	102	1,530	1,472	96
Iowa	27,378	31,170	114	1,816	2,072	114
North Carolina	11,457	11,213	98	645	635	98
Ohio	31,911	29,928	94	2,082	1,890	91
Pennsylvania	22,903	24,171	106	1,514	1,627	107
Texas	17,836	18,712	105	1,133	1,178	104
UNITED STATES	329,076	333,594	101	21,084	21,015	100

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average February prices received by California producers, when compared to January average prices, decreased one cent per pound for turkeys. Market eggs increased two cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the February average prices received by producers increased three cents per pound for broilers and 0.3 of a cent per pound for turkeys. Market eggs increased 0.6 of a cent per dozen.

POULTRY & EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Feb. 15, 2000	Jan. 15, 2001	Feb. 15, 2001
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2</u> /	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs <u>3</u> /	Doz.	56.0	56.0	58.0
Turkeys	Lb.	41.0	46.0	45.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	33.5	34.0	37.0
Market Eggs <u>3</u> /	Doz.	52.3	50.3	50.9
Turkeys	Lb.	35.7	36.6	36.3

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Published annually in May.

3/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2001 in the United States totaled 31.7 million, up 2 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the February 1 total of 31.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 2 percent; West North Central, up 3 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 5 percent; South Central, down 10 percent; and West, up 6 percent.

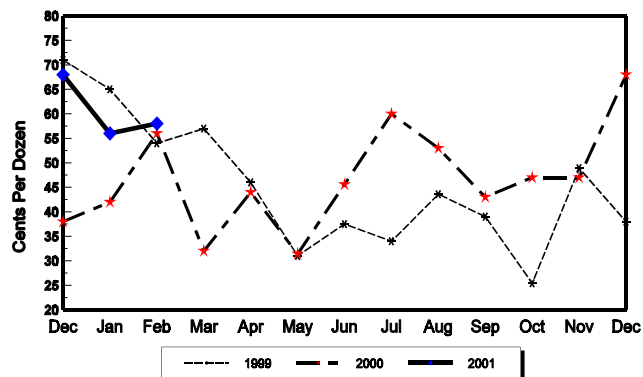
The 23.7 million poult placed during February 2001 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 8 percent from the January 2001 total of 25.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 1 percent; West North central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 4 percent; South Central, down 17 percent; and West, up 5 percent.

REGIONAL TURKEY POULT PLACEMENT AND EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators Mar. 1		2001 2000	Poults Placed During Feb. 1/		2001 2000
	2000	2001		2000	2001	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
EN Central	4,764	4,861	102	3,438	3,470	101
WN Central	10,452	10,721	103	8,126	8,275	102
N & S Atlantic	9,375	9,816	105	7,480	7,156	96
S Central	3,356	3,008	90	2,805	2,323	83
West	3,137	3,329	106	2,348	2,462	105
U.S.	31,084	31,735	102	24,197	23,686	98

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1999-2001**



U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		00-01	Cumulative Total		00-01
	1999-00	2000-01	99-00	1999-00	2000-01	99-00
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,794	23,016	106	21,794	23,016	106
Oct.	22,313	23,672	106	44,107	46,688	106
Nov.	23,379	23,357	100	67,486	70,045	104
Dec.	24,358	23,297	96	91,844	93,342	102
Jan.	24,676	25,612	104	116,520	118,954	102
Feb.	24,197	23,686	98	140,717	142,640	101
Mar.	25,741			166,458		
Apr	25,094			191,552		
May	25,816			217,368		
June	26,880			244,248		
July	26,822			271,070		
Aug.	24,731			295,801		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	February 28, 2000	January 31, 2001 <u>a/</u>	February 28, 2001	Feb. 2001 Feb. 2000	Feb. 2001 Jan. 2001
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	39,149	37,450	42,205	108	113
Chickens	Lbs.	49,465	49,732	45,448	92	91
Ducks	Lbs.	250	61	139	56	228
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	88,864	87,243	87,792	99	101
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	353,896	289,113	330,481	93	114
Chickens	Lbs.	814,223	784,167	706,241	87	90
Ducks	Lbs.	3,730	3,471	4,399	118	127
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,171,849	1,076,751	1,041,121	89	97
Eggs, Shell	Cases	14,768	16,957	15,544	105	92

a/ Revised.